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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE COULD VERIFY WITH SAM WISE THAT THEY HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH CHRISSY STOESSEL'S PLANS TO ARRIVE AUGUST 14 FOR FEW DAYS STAY WITH JAYNE WISE.

2. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. STOESSEL HAVE ALREADY MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS BEGINNING SEPT. 15 FOR THREE WEEKS AT GUEST QUARTERS ON NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE. THEY UNDERSTAND COLUMBIA PLAZA IS BOOKED UP FOR THAT PERIOD BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON WAITING LIST FOR ONE OR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT AT COLUMBIA PLAZA (ONE BEDROOM PREFERRED).

3. COULD SOMEONE CALL MY MOTHER (MRS. BURRUM, (305) 972-0625) AND TELL HER THAT IF IT IS ALL RIGHT JOE WILL ARRIVE AT FT. LAUDERDALE AIRPORT THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, AT 11:38 P.M. ON DELTA FLIGHT 391 FROM NEW YORK-KENNEDY. SORRY ARRIVAL WILL BE SO LATE, BUT THIS IS ONLY CONNECTION HE CAN GET OUT OF KENNEDY AIRPORT FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MOTHER WOULD MAKE RESERVATION FOR JOE FROM FT. LAUDERDALE TO KANSAS CITY FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 16. BEST FLIGHT SEEMS TO BE BRANIFF FLIGHT 152 WHICH LEAVES FT. LAUDERDALE AT 2:10 P.M. AND ARRIVES IN K.C. AT 6:20 P.M. WILL SEND CHECK FOR TICKET.
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IS FRANK IN FLORIDA NOW?

4. AMBASSADOR HAD PLANNED EARLY CALL ON FIRYUBIN REGARDING OUR VARIOUS REQUESTS TO UPDK. HOWEVER, HE WILL DELAY APPROACH UNTIL WE HEAR RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON.

5. ON RL PROGRAM REVIEW (STATE 195913, PARA 3) WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PROVIDED IT IS PRIVATE, LOW-KEY AFFAIR. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE RIGHT PERSON AVAILABLE ON DATES YOU MENTION. BOTH BREMENT AND COMBS WILL BE ON LEAVE AT THAT TIME. IF DATE SHOULD SLIP, LET US KNOW SINCE IF MEETING IS HELD OVER LABOR DAY WE COULD SEND COMBS.

6. QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 1, STATE 194801, ARE VERY TOUGH INDEED AND WE HAVE NO LIKELY SOURCES HERE. HOWEVER, WE WILL TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN.

7. IS THERE ANY WAY TO PERSUADE BILL BROWN TO MAKE LESS USE OF TELEPHONE (STATE 194801, PARA 3)? IT IS VERY HARD FOR THE SCIENCE SECTION TO KEEP UP WITH DEVELOPMENTS IF BUSINESS IS DONE ON TELEPHONE. ALSO, DIRECT CALLS TO SOVIETS ARE SUBJECT TO PRECISELY THE SORT OF MISUNDERSTANDING (OR MISREPRESENTATION) AS OCCURRED IN CALL TO CHERCHENKO.

8. RE PARA 6, STATE 194801, WHETHER OR NOT WE ANSWER SOVIET NOTE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A RUN-DOWN OF WHAT (IF ANYTHING) ACTUALLY HAPPENED WITH KHARCHENKO.

9. NINA HAS PROMISE FROM SLAVIN OF MHE THAT VISIT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR HER TO MGIMO IN OCTOBER. HE SAYS INSTITUTE NOW CLOSED AND LEBEDEV IS OUT OF TOWN. SHE IS TALKING ABOUT RETURNING IN OCTOBER, BUT WE AS YET HAVE NO COMMITMENT FROM MFA.

10. SINCE THE AMBASSADOR DECIDED AGAINST THE VOLGA TRIP, HE WILL BE MAKING UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO KIEV TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY. IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT OTHER PROTOCOL EVENTS, HE WILL CALL ON MAYOR GUSEV AND TRY TO GIVE NEGOTIATION ON BOUDARIES A PUSH. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK AND IF LAVRUKHIN TURNS OUT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BE AS UNYIELDING AS THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN, WE MAY HAVE TO REASSESS OUR POSITION (INCLUDING TIMING OF KNOOP-GRIMES VISIT) LATER THIS WEEK. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT LAVRUKHIN WILL START TO MOVE.

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